

Remarks

In the Office Action mailed October 17, 2006, a second restriction requirement was imposed. In particular, the Office Action states that claims 1-14 (Group I), claims 15-18 (Group II), and claims 19-23 (Group III) are distinct from one another. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute claims 1-14 (Group I).

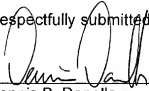
In view of the election of claims 1-14 (Group I), claims 15-23 (Groups II and III) have been withdrawn from the present application without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation or divisional application directed to the subject matter of withdrawn claims 15-23.

Should the Examiner feel that any unresolved issues remain in this case, the undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number listed below to arrange for an issue resolving conference.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may have been overlooked to Deposit Account No. 10-0223.

Respectfully submitted,

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